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- President Donald Trump signed an executive order banning U.S. telecommunications companies from purchasing foreign equipment in the future that poses "an unacceptable risk" to national security, with the Commerce Department expected to write rules for reviewing transactions impacted by the ban in the next 150 days. While the order did not name a simple company or country, the Commerce Department separately announced that it had placed China's Huawei Technologies Co. and dozens of its affiliates on a trade black list. (The New York Times)

- The White House is soliciting personal data such as names and contact information from Americans who say they have been impacted by anti-

conservative bias on social media platforms, using a survey specifically asking respondents if they have had problems with Facebook Inc., Instagram, YouTube and Twitter Inc. The Trump administration declined to disclose how it plans to use the responses. (The Washington Post)

- Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, said "of course" he supports calls to break up Facebook Inc., noting that the country has "an increasingly monopolistic society" that relies on "a handful of very large corporations" with "too much power over consumers." Sanders did not respond to a question about whether he also supports the breakup of Google and Amazon.com Inc. as fellow candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) has proposed. (Politico)

Chart Review

The Government Narrowed Its Tech Workforce Age Gap for the First Time in a Decade
Nextgov

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

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CompliancePoint's "Preparing for CCPA Compliance" workshop	8:00 am
House Intelligence Committee's hearing on China's surveillance practices	9:00 am
U.S. Chamber of Commerce's annual global supply chain summit	9:00 am

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Engine and the Charles Koch Institute's panel discussion on GDPR one year later — 12:00 pm

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General

US, China trade conflict was 20 years in the making
Paul Wiseman et al., The Associated Press

The U.S.-China trade blowup was a long time coming. And it won't be easily resolved, not even if U.S. and Chinese negotiators reach a truce in the next few weeks that reassures jittery financial markets.

The Man Behind San Francisco's Facial Recognition Ban Is Working on More. Way More.
Kate Conger, The New York Times

As San Francisco's Board of Supervisors prepared to vote Tuesday on an ordinance forbidding city agencies to use facial recognition technology, some proponents of the measure were uncertain if they had the necessary support. Two of the legislators who were for it had called in sick.

Opening up 'digital trade' between US and China just as important as solving tariffs, IBM CEO says
Ryan Browne, CNBC

Solving the question of "digital trade" is just as crucial to trade talks between the United States and China as conversations around resolving tariffs on physical goods, IBM CEO Ginni Rometty told CNBC Thursday. "I'm hopeful that these things get resolved," Rometty told CNBC's Karen Tso, speaking about trade tensions between the two countries

Crypto Enthusiasts Now Have a Presidential Candidate Behind Them
Vildana Hajric, Bloomberg

There's one Democratic presidential candidate who's got the back of the crypto community. Andrew Yang, an entrepreneur who is running as a Democrat in the 2020 presidential race and who recently unveiled a digital-asset platform, said he'd like to see greater regulatory frameworks for the community and its underlying blockchain technology, which he thinks could help spur new innovation.

Musk Gets Head Start on Bezos Launching SpaceX's Satellites
Dana Hull, Bloomberg

Elon Musk's SpaceX has made a business out of launching satellites for commercial customers, NASA and the U.S. military. On Wednesday evening, the company will launch orbital objects of its own in a key step toward creating

a space-based constellation that beams broadband to underserved areas across the globe.

How Tech Companies Are Shaping The Rules Governing Ai
Tom Simonite, Wired

In early April, the European Commission published guidelines intended to keep any artificial intelligence technology used on the EU's 500 million citizens trustworthy. The bloc's commissioner for digital economy and society, Bulgaria's Mariya Gabriel, called them "a solid foundation based on EU values."

The new boogeyman in Silicon Valley politics? The IPO.
Theodore Schleifer, Vox

If you thought an initial public offering was all bell-ringing, confetti-dropping, and champagne-popping, think again. Silicon Valley is girding for another political battle with the liberal city at its core, San Francisco, in a contest that could turn that celebrated pinnacle of success in tech - the IPO - into a boogeyman.

Schools turn to technology to reduce toll during shootings
Stefanie Dazio, The Associated Press

Efforts to combat the intractable problem of school shootings are starting to shift from preventing the violence to reducing the number of victims through technology that speeds up law enforcement's response and quickly alerts teachers and students to danger.

U.S. Futures Turn Higher, Treasuries Erase Gain: Markets Wrap
Todd White, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures turned higher on Thursday and Treasuries erased a gain as trade headlines continued to whipsaw global markets. European stocks also reversed a drop, while the region's bonds held their advance.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

For Apple, Facebook and Google, markets define monopolies
Scott Rosenberg, Axios

An antitrust lawsuit against Apple and growing calls to break up Facebook tee up what's likely to be a lengthy, contentious debate over the boundaries of technology markets.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

FCC delays review of spectrum assigned to vehicle communication
David Shepardson, Reuters

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai on Wednesday delayed plans to begin in June a comprehensive review of a valuable band of spectrum reserved for vehicles to communicate with one another.

Matsui Working on C-Band Compromise Bill
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.), co-chair of the Congressional Spectrum Caucus, said Wednesday (May 15) she is working on a bill, the WIN 5G Act, that would offer up a compromise approach to the thorny issue of freeing up C-band spectrum for wireless broadband.

Dems Proposing $40 Billion For Broadband Buildout, Again
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

House Democrats Wednesday (May 15) are once again introducing an omnibus infrastructure bill, dubbed the Leading Infrastructure For Tomorrow's [LIFT] America Act, which includes allocating tens of billions of dollars for broadband deployment.

Huawei is a risk so Britain must change course on 5G, ex-MI6 spymaster says
Guy Faulconbridge, Reuters

China's Huawei poses such a grave security risk to the United Kingdom that the government must reconsider its decision to give it a limited role in building 5G networks, a former head of Britain's MI6 foreign spy service said on Thursday.

France not looking to 'over-protectionism' for tech giants like Huawei, President Macron says
Ryan Browne, CNBC

French President Emmanuel Macron poured cold water on the idea of implementing protectionist measures on tech companies like Huawei.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Behind Twitter's Plan To Get People To Stop Yelling At One Another
Nicole Nguyen, BuzzFeed News

In March, Twitter cofounder Biz Stone tweeted a screenshot of an iPhone homescreen along with a message: "Notice our new prototype? ... It's called 'twttr.' The bird flew away from the app icon representing: Simplicity. Blue sky thinking. We're re-working. Not there yet: hence, no logo."

When Google Serves Ads In Iran, Advertisers Pay The Price
Issie Lapowsky, Wired

As director of paid search at Greenlane Marketing, a web marketing firm based in Eagleville, Pennsylvania, Christian Wenzel spends a lot of time studying who's clicking on his clients' Google ads. He'll look at things like where they're located to see if, for instance, people in Pennsylvania are more likely to click on a given ad than people in California.

President Trump's new tool for collecting social media bias stories has one unusual question on it: Are you a US citizen?
Nick Bastone, Business Insider

The White House's new online tool for people to report perceived bias or censorship on social media platforms asks users to submit screenshots, links and any other details that could show they were penalized for their political views. It also wants to know if you're an American citizen.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Microsoft Warns of a Monster Computer Bug, in a Week of Them
Robert McMillan, The Wall Street Journal

Microsoft Corp. took the unusual step of warning that a computer bug it has now patched could be used by a cyber weapon similar to the WannaCry worm,

which spread across the globe two years ago. The bug in Microsoft's Windows software, announced Tuesday, is one of several high-profile computer-security issues to emerge this week.

Lawmakers seek probe on U.S. hacking services sold globally
Christopher Bing and Joel Schectman, Reuters

U.S. lawmakers are pushing legislation that would force the State Department to report what it is doing to control the spread of U.S. hacking tools around the world. A bill passed in a House of Representatives' appropriations subcommittee on Tuesday said Congress is "concerned" about the State Department's ability to supervise U.S. companies that sell offensive cybersecurity products and know-how to other countries.

Top Republican says Senate unlikely to vote on any election security bills
Maggie Miller, The Hill

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), a member of Senate GOP leadership, said Wednesday that the chamber is unlikely to vote on any election security legislation, despite requests from a federal agency for more funding to improve election systems nationwide.

New York Proposal Would Ban Face Recognition Surveillance By Landlords
Patrick Howell O'Neill, Gizmodo

In the same week that San Francisco voted to become the first city in the United States to ban government use of face recognition surveillance, two New York State legislators introduced a bill to ban the use of facial recognition surveillance by residential landlords.

Peter Thiel's stealth start-up Palantir has unlocked a new opportunity to sell to the US military as revenue tops $1 billion
Kate Fazzini, CNBC

Palantir - the Silicon Valley data analytics company co-founded by PayPal founder and Trump advisor Peter Thiel - has made the CNBC Disruptor 50 list for six years running. But this year was perhaps the most disruptive of all for the company, which has attracted $2.8 billion in funding, raising its valuation to $20.5 billion, according to PitchBook.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

The US needs antitrust law for the 21st century
The Editorial Board, Financial Times

Facebook's chief executive Mark Zuckerberg recently called for the US government to be more proactive in regulating social media. His former dorm mate Chris Hughes went a step further last week.

The Anti-monopoly Backlash Reaches the Supreme Court
Eric Posner, The Atlantic

On Monday, the Supreme Court stymied an effort by Apple to protect its monopoly over sales of iPhone apps. Justice Brett Kavanaugh's decision in Apple v. Pepper turned on an arcane bit of antitrust law, and it provided the first small hope that the antitrust establishment may finally turn against Big Tech. But the odds remain formidable.

Research Reports

2019 Ranking Digital Rights Corporate Accountability Index
Ranking Digital Rights at New America

The 2019 Ranking Digital Rights Corporate Accountability Index evaluated 24 of the world's most powerful internet, mobile, and telecommunications companies on their disclosed commitments and policies affecting freedom of expression and privacy of internet users across the world.

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